## NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2017-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT, TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE I-395 NORTHERN EXTENSION EXPRESS LANES STUDY, AS REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT)

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the TIP is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2016 the TPB adopted the FY 2017-2022 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of May 1, VDOT has requested that the FY 2017-2022 TIP be amended to include \$6.7 million in FY 2017 using advanced construction funding for the I-395 Northern Extension Express Lanes Study (TIP ID 6506), as described in the attached materials; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for project studies are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2017-2022 TIP to include \$6.7 million in FY 2017 using advanced construction funding for the I-395 Northern Extension Express Lanes Study (TIP ID 6506), as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on May 5, 2017.



## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

CHARLES A. KILPATRICK, P.E. COMMISSIONER

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May 1, 2017

The Honorable Bridget Newton, Chair National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300 Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: National Capital Region FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments for I-395 Northern Express Lanes Extension Study (UPC# 108103)

Dear Ms. Newton:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding for the I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension Study. This project is part of a larger effort to extend the I-95/ I-395 Express Lanes south to Route 17 near Fredericksburg and North to the vicinity of Eads Street near the Pentagon. The TIP amendment only addresses the Northern Virginia portion of the project.

This amendment, which reflects the latest plans and financial obligations of the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board, will add \$6.7 million in Advanced Construction (AC) funding to the Preliminary Engineering/Study phase in FY 2017. An additional \$5 million was obligated in the 2015-2020 TIP for FY 2016.

I-395 Northern Extension Express Lanes Study is included in the 2016 CLRP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The amendment will not impact the fiscal constraint findings of the TIP or CLRP.

VDOT requests that this amendment be placed on the agenda of the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on May 5, 2017. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and will be available to answer any questions.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Helen Cuervo, P.E. District Administrator Northern Virginia District

## Attachment

Cc: Ms. Rene'e Hamilton, VDOT-NOVA

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Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NOVA

Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NOVA

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)

		Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	Source		
				Funding	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total		
Interstate 395 - Study for Safety & Traffic on NB Lanes - PE Only													
TIP ID: <b>6506</b>	Agency ID: 108313	Title: I-395 Northern Extension Express Lanes Study						Project (	Cost: <b>\$11,700</b>	Complete	: 2016		
Facility: I 395		AC	0/100/0	5,000 d	6,700 d						6,700		
From: Turkeycock Run Near Duke Street									Tota	al Funds:	6,700		

To: Vicinity of Eads Street

Description: Planning, environmental, and multimodal study for the I-395 Express Lanes Project (Northern High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes) to extend the I-95 Express Lanes.

Amendment: Add New Project Requested on: 5/5/2017

Amend this project into the FY 2017-2022 TIP with \$6.7 millioni in advanced construction funding in FY 2017 for study.